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RECORDING MEDIUM (AS AMENDED)
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application is requested to consider and make of record the references listed on the PTO/SB/08a form submitted herewith. A copy of each reference listed on the PTO/SB/08a form, other than U.S. patents, is enclosed.

Although the information submitted herewith may be "material" to the Examiner's consideration of the subject application, this submission is not intended to constitute an admission that such information is "prior art" as to the claimed invention.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made.

The following references are not in the English language:

- 1) JP 08-163145
- 2) JP 11-187072
- 3) JP 05-083288
- 4) JP 04-070035
- 5) JP 10-200494
- 6) JP 07-135512

- 7) JP 11-225168
- 8) JP 11-510665
- 9) EP 0 905 976

Reference 9) includes an English translation thereof attached to the copy of the reference submitted herewith.

References 1)-7) include an English abstract thereof attached to the copy of the reference submitted herewith.

References 1)-9) were cited by a foreign patent examining authority in connection with the examination of a counterpart of the above identified application. MPEP Section 609(a)iii, second paragraph.

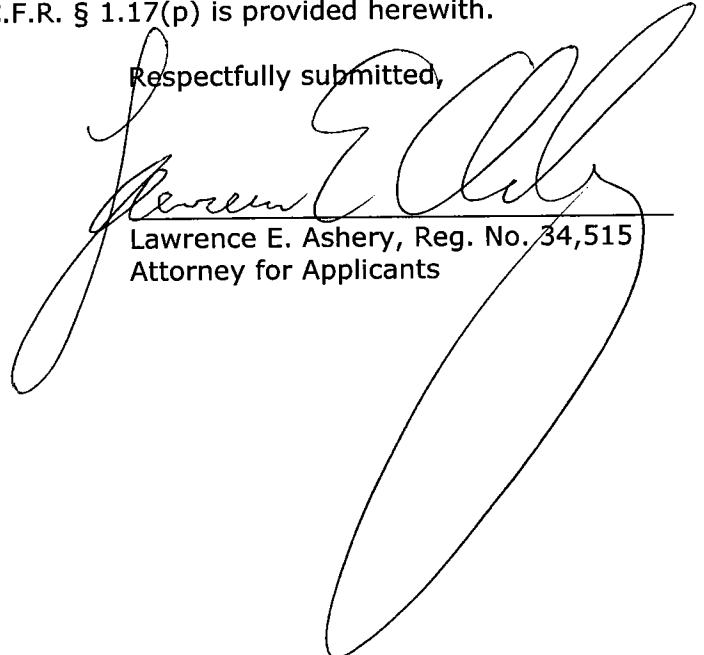
Please note that reference 5) is a counterpart application of U.S. 6,222,841. Reference 7) is a counterpart application of EP 0 905 976. Reference 8) is a counterpart application of U.S. 6,553,033. Reference 9) is a counterpart application JP 11-225168.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

The undersigned hereby states that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

The required fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is provided herewith.

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Enclosures: PTO/SB/08a
(9) References

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